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Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Have Government got any definite method to combat the enormous cattle mortality ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" We have the serum-simultaneous method and we are awaiting the stock ; and as soon as we get it, we will start inoculation."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" May I know whether Government propose to increase the present staff of Veterinary officers as the existing one has been found inadequate to cope with the situation ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I don't think a mere increase in the number of the staff will combat the evil."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" May I ask the hon. Minister what steps have been taken to get serum in the Presidency itself ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" At present experiments are being made to manufacture serum."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" May I take it that these experiments will go on for a number of years ? " (Laughter.)

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" It is hoped they will be over within two or three months."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" May I know whether the stock got from Muktesar is sufficient to meet the demand ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN : —" Are there proposals to produce serum in this province ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I have already answered that query."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what will be the cost of producing the serum in this province ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" It can be ascertained only when it is manufactured here."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" It was said, Sir, it is being experimented now." (Laughter.)

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN .—" Yes, experiments are being carried on so as to locate the place of manufacture either in the plains or the hills."

Education

Retention of Miss Lowe as Deputy Directress of Public Instruction.

*360 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) the period for which Miss Lowe has been holding the appointment of the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction ;

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(b) the period for which such officers are expected to hold such appointments; and

(c) the reason or reasons on account of which she has been allowed to hold this appointment for such a long period ?

A.—(a) Miss Lowe has been holding the post from 17th August 1926. During this period she was on leave for about eleven months.
(b) No period has been fixed.
(c) Does not arise.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is the hon. Minister aware that there is a general dissatisfaction in the Service with regard to the retention of this officer in this particular post for so long a time ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I am not aware."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Then, may I know whether he will make an enquiry independent of the department and take necessary steps to see that there is no such dissatisfaction ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I don't know how to make an inquiry independent of the department; if the hon. Member will suggest any other method, I shall try to do so."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" With reference to the answer to clause (b), is there any convention regarding this matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" As far as I am aware, there is neither a rule nor a convention."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Government propose to have the convention of three years in the Education Department in the city of Madras ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" The matter was considered and dropped."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Is it due to the fact that because Miss Lowe is very efficient she is retained in her present post so long ?" (Laughter.)

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Hear, hear."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know why Government dropped the question of giving effect to this convention of three years ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I am not responsible for that decision; but I think the decision is right."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Government will reconsider that decision and bring it on a line with the other departments in the interests of efficiency of service ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I can't say now whether I can reconsider that decision; but I shall look into the papers."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that this officer has a particular affection for the West Coast people ? " (Laughter)

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I am not aware." (Laughter)